

Function 750: Administration of Justice

The Administration of Justice function consists of federal law enforcement programs, litigation and judicial activities, correctional operations, and state and local justice assistance. Agencies that administer programs within this function include the following: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); the United States Customs Service; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF); the United States Attorneys; legal divisions within the Department of Justice; the Legal Services Corporation; the Federal Judiciary; and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

For 2001, the conference agreement on the Republican budget resolution provides \$26.9 billion for Administration of Justice appropriations. This level of funding represents a \$700 million (2.4 percent) cut in purchasing power. The conference agreement establishes increasingly large cuts in purchasing power for years 2002 through 2005. It cuts purchasing power for the function by \$800 million (2.9 percent) for 2002; \$1.2 billion (4.2 percent) for 2003; \$1.5 billion (5.1 percent) for 2004; and \$1.9 billion (6.1 percent) for 2005.

- ***Comparison with the House Resolution*** — For 2001, the conference agreement is the same as the House resolution. However, over five years, the conference agreement provides \$2.8 billion more in appropriated funds than the House resolution.
- ***Comparison with the Democratic Alternative Resolution*** — The Democratic alternative resolution increased purchasing power for justice programs by \$425 million for each year through 2005. For 2001, the Democratic alternative provided \$1.1 billion more than the conference agreement. Over five years, the Democratic alternative provided \$8.3 billion more than the conference agreement.
- ***Across the Board Reductions*** — The conference agreement is silent on specific program cuts in the Administration of Justice function. However, assuming across-the-board cuts, programs such as the FBI, INS, DEA, the Customs Service, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program will be forced to scale back operations by six percent by 2005.